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Video still shows hooded hangman placing noose around Saddam Hussein's neck. Turns out Saddam had no WMDs and only refused to admit it publicly for fear Iran might attack a defenseless Iraq.

Bush, Neocons Owe Iraq, Saddam an Apology

By Michael Collins Piper

President Bush and his pro-Israel advisors and followers—particularly those who are now clamoring for a war against Iran—clearly owe an apology to the late Saddam Hussein, former president of Iraq.

Although Saddam was murdered at the gallows following a kangaroo court in Iraq conducted under the auspices of the Bush administration, it turns out that during the time when Saddam was ostensibly building weapons of mass destruction, he wasn't. The fact that Saddam had no WMDs became all too clear soon after the illegal and unprovoked American assault on Iraq.

However, what has been secret until now is that— according to Arabic-speaking FBI agent George Piro who debriefed Saddam when he was being held in captivity during the year preceding his legalized murder— Saddam told Piro that he was only fabricating the existence of WMDs in Iraq in order to deter an attack on Iraq by Iran, the nation that President Bush and his fans now say constitutes the greatest threat to world peace.

In short, the former Iraqi leader was an ally of the United States against Iran.

But Saddam (and the people of Iraq) paid a mighty price because the Iraqi leader chose to protect his country's most critical national security secret: the fact that Iraq did not, in fact, have a nuclear defense against its greatest rival, the Islamic republic of Iran.

This revelation came in a new book, *The Terrorist Watch: Inside the Desperate Race to Stop the Next Attack*, by best-selling author Ronald Kessler.

This pertinent detail outlining Piro's extended debriefing of Saddam has largely been suppressed by the mass media, which played such a pivotal role in stoking up American popular support for the attack on Iraq.

Instead, as even a cursory review of Internet news sources (encompassing mainstream media reports about Piro's revelation), the media preferred to focus on another fact: that the former Iraqi dictator was a "germophobe" who liked to keep "baby wipes" handy in his cell to wipe away germs.

This irrelevant little tidbit (apparently designed to make light of the Iraqi strongman) was hyped by *The New York Post*—the daily tabloid published by billionaire Mortimer Zuckerman, the hard-line Zionist who served in the powerful post of president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

So it is that the one secular Middle Eastern leader who had a history of opposing Islamic extremism and who was most definitely a potential American ally against Iran was eliminated by the very administration that now wants a war against Iran.

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